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## Calendario y Formato de Competencia Competition Format and Match Schedule

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						1	2	3	4	5	
1	July 11, 2023	10:00	CHI	vs	NCA						
2	July 11, 2023	12:00	PER	vs	CUB						
3	July 11, 2023	14:00	MEX	vs	DOM						
4	July 12, 2023	10:00	MEX	vs	PER						
5	July 12, 2023	12:00	CUB	vs	NCA						
6	July 12, 2023	14:00	DOM	vs	CHI						
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10	July 14, 2023	10:00	PER	vs	CHI						
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14	July 15, 2023	12:00	DOM	vs	CUB						
15	July 15, 2023	14:00	CHI	vs	MEX						

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FINALS											
NO.	Date	TIME	Teams		Set	Result per set (points)					
						1	2	3	4	5	
16	July 16, 2023	07.30	5th	vs	6th	0-0					
17	July 16, 2023	09.30	3rd	vs	4th						
18	July 16, 2023	12.30	1st	vs	2nd	0-0					



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UNIFORM COLOURS  
Couleur de l'uniforme

CITY:   
Ville:

DATE:  TIME:   
Heure:

REGISTERED COLOURS / Couleurs enregistrées :  
(ONLY SHIRT COLOUR - seulement la couleur du maillot)

	CUB	NCA	MEX	PER	CHI	DOM
1	RED	WHITE	BLACK	RED	RED	BLUE
2	BLUE	NAVY	RED	WHITE	BLUE	RED
3	WHITE	L/BLUE	WHITE	BLUE	WHITE	WHITE

POOL/PHASE:   
Groupe/Phase:

MATCH SCHEDULE Calendrier des matches			
DATE:	No. Match	Team Equipe	
		A	B
11/jul/2023	1	CHI	NCA
11/jul/2023	2	PER	CUB
11/jul/2023	3	MEX	DOM
12/jul/2023	4	MEX	PER
12/jul/2023	5	CUB	NCA
12/jul/2023	6	DOM	CHI
13/jul/2023	7	PER	DOM
13/jul/2023	8	CHI	CUB
13/jul/2023	9	NCA	MEX
14/jul/2023	10	PER	CHI
14/jul/2023	11	CUB	MEX
14/jul/2023	12	DOM	NCA
15/jul/2023	13	NCA	PER
15/jul/2023	14	DOM	CUB
15/jul/2023	15	CHI	MEX

TEAMS CHOICE (1-2 OR 3) Choix des équipes (1-2 ou 3)			
1st CHOICE 1er Choix		FIVB DECISION LIBERO	
A	B	A	B
RED	WHITE	WHITE	NAVY
RED	WHITE	WHITE	RED
BLACK	WHITE	WHITE	RED
WHITE	BLUE	BLACK	RED
RED	L/BLUE	WHITE	WHITE
RED	WHITE	WHITE	BLUE
WHITE	BLUE	BLUE	WHITE
BLUE	WHITE	RED	RED
NAVY	RED	L/BLUE	BLACK
RED	WHITE	WHITE	BLUE
RED	WHITE	WHITE	BLACK
RED	WHITE	NAVY	BLUE
L/BLUE	BLUE	WHITE	RED
WHITE	RED	RED	WHITE
RED	WHITE	WHITE	BLACK

FIVB DECISION Décision de la FIVB	
A	B



# CHI • Chile

## PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
							Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Matus	Francisco	Matus	S	07-Jun-2006	185	321	316	Club Murano (CHI)	-	-	-	-
2	Espinoza	Juan Pablo	Espinoza	S	19-Jul-2007	185	320	320	Universidad Catolica (CHI)	-	-	-	-
5	Valenzuela	Felipe	Valenzuela	OH	12-Apr-2005	190	330	324	Club Fullvoley (CHI)	-	-	-	-
6	Ruiz	Josue	Ruiz	OH	13-Apr-2006	194	331	325	Club Villarrica (CHI)	-	-	-	-
7	Gei	Ian	Gei	OP	21-Apr-2005	187	335	327	Club Manquehue (CHI)	-	-	-	-
8	Daniel	Carreño	Carreño	OP	21-Feb-2006	189	320	320	Stadio Italiano (CHI)	-	-	-	-
9	Rafaeli	Goran	Rafaeli	MB	18-Jun-2005	194	338	330	Club CEV Chicureo (CHI)	-	-	-	-
11	Villarroel	Esteban	Villarroel	MB	29-Jun-2006	190	324	316	Club Excelsior (CHI)	-	-	-	-
13	Quidel Mansilla	Juan Jose Antonio	Quidel	L	06-Mar-2006	178	315	300	Llufken (CHI)	-	-	-	-
14	Urra	Guillermo	Urra	MB	14-Jun-2003	200	300	290	Murano (CHI)	-	-	5	5
15	San Martin	Juan Jose	San Martin	OH	12-Sep-2005	180	320	320	Universidad Catolica (CHI)	-	-	-	-
21 C	Fuentes	Rafael	Fuentes	OH	21-Aug-2003	187	325	310	Club Linares (CHI)	8	-	10	18

## OFFICIALS

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Villareal Ivan (CL) / Id: 4711
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Cristobal Orellana León (CL) / Id: 4721
<b>Physiotherapist:</b>	Barbieri Pirazzoli Giovanni (CL) / Id: 182813

## UNIFORM COLORS

Team	<b>Main:</b> ROJO
	<b>2nd:</b> AZUL
	<b>3rd:</b> BLANCO
Liberos	<b>Main:</b> ROJO
	<b>2nd:</b> AZUL
	<b>3rd:</b> BLANCO

## STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
<b>Height:</b>	178	188	200
<b>Spike:</b>	300	323	338
<b>2-hand block:</b>	290	317	330
<b>National selections:</b>	0	2	18





# CUB • Cuba

## PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections				
							Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total	
1	C	Chirino Callam	Adrian	Chirino	S	26-Mar-2002	194	329	325	Camaguey (CUB)	12	-	13	25
2		Mc Kentochi Gordon	Jonathan	Mc Kentochi	S	19-Aug-2003	197	356	345	Guantanamo (CUB)	1		10	
3		Wilson Velazquez	Alexis	Wilson	MB	23-Oct-2003	208	342	345	La Habana (CUB)	4	-	19	23
4		Camino Martinez	Bryan	Camino	OH	23-Feb-2003	190	258	247	Mayabeque (CUB)	2	-	25	27
6		Gonzalez Marti	Yusniel	Marti	MB	23-Jul-2004	198	345	342	Pinar del Rio (CUB)	1		12	
8		Lawrence Santana	Yumichael Anthony	Lawrence	L	01-Sep-2001	184	239	231	Pinar del Rio (CUB)	-	-	17	17
9		Gonzalez Rodriguez	Alejandro Mlguel	Gonzalez	OP	12-Mar-2003	200	345	340	Matanzas (CUB)	5		20	
10		Suarez Mendoza	Thiago	Thiago	MB	15-Sep-2004	194	345	343	Pinar del Rio (CUB)	4	-	12	16
11		Suarez Perez	Angel	Perez	MB	03-Oct-2003	208	345	342	Santiago de Cuba (CUB)	1		15	
12		Gomez Reyes	Jose Ramon	Gomez	OH	10-Aug-2003	190	354	342	Santic Spiritus (CUB)	3	-	17	20
14		Valle Garcia	Brayan Francisco	Valle	OP	28-Sep-2003	200	345	340	Santic Spiritus (CUB)	3	-	23	26
17		Contreras Acosta	Jakdiel	Contreras	MB	27-Jul-2004	195	357	248	Mayabeque (CUB)	3		15	

## OFFICIALS

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Jesus Angel Cruz Lopez (CU) / Id: 4529
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Mario Raul Izquierdo Perez (CU) / Id: 4530
<b>2nd Assistant Coach:</b>	Manuel de Jesus Espinosa Yanez (CU) / Id: 4531
<b>2nd Assistant Coach:</b>	Angel Gonzalez Coba (CU) / Id: 4307
<b>Doctor:</b>	Pedro GONZALEZ GUTIERREZ (CU) / Id: 180886

## UNIFORM COLORS

Team	<b>Main:</b>	RED
	<b>2nd:</b>	BLUE
	<b>3rd:</b>	WHITE
Liberos	<b>Main:</b>	WHITE
	<b>2nd:</b>	RED
	<b>3rd:</b>	BLUE

## STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
<b>Height:</b>	184	197	208
<b>Spike:</b>	239	330	357
<b>2-hand block:</b>	231	316	345
<b>National selections:</b>	16	22	27





# DOM • Dominican Republic

## PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
							Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Figueroa Lantigua	Adrian Jose	Figueroa	OP	17-Sep-2003	195	325	315	Moca (DOM)	-	-	2	2
2	Castillo	Erisandy	Castillo	OH	21-May-2001	194	320	310	Bayaguana (DOM)	-	-	1	1
3	Rojas De Jesús	Edwad Domingo	Rojas	OP	14-Nov-2002	192	320	315	Santiago (DOM)	-	-	-	-
4	Torres Valera	Mario Antonio	Torres	MB	13-Sep-2001	78	315	310	Santo Domingo (DOM)	-	-	2	2
5	Ortiz Valdez	Moises Alexander	Ortiz V.	MB	03-Dec-2003	204	330	310	Bani (DOM)	-	-	4	4
6	Soliman De La Cruz	Carlos Manuel	Soliman	L	30-Sep-2001	189	325		HIGUEY (DOM)	-	-	2	2
8	Ortiz Polanco	Eliecer Alexander	Ortiz	S	27-Nov-2003	165	310	300	Moca (DOM)	-	-	1	1
9	Gomez Cuello	Elixander Antonio	Gomez	OH	23-Jun-2003	190	320	310	Santiago (DOM)	-	-	3	3
12 C	Turbides Pepen	Bryan	Pepen	OH	29-Sep-2001	177	228	225	Santo Domingo (DOM)	1	-	6	7
13	Molina Rodriguez	Ronny Albert	Molina	OH	13-Jan-2004	190	320	310	Santiago (DOM)	-	-	3	3
14	Ramirez Dacay	Luke Harrison	Ramirez	S	12-Jun-2003	182	325	305	Distrito Nacional (DOM)	-	-	5	5
15	Rosario Adames	Luther Hadasher	Rosario	MB	28-Apr-2003	200	335	315	Santo Domingo (DOM)	1	-	7	8

## OFFICIALS

<b>Head Coach:</b>	José Dante Aristides Mañon Torres (DO) / Id: 4309
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Francisco Jose Lerebours (DO) / Id: 4311
<b>2nd Assistant Coach:</b>	Romulo Alberto Hernandez Quiroz (VE) / Id: 4735
<b>Doctor:</b>	Cesar Andres Baez (DO) / Id: 181918

## UNIFORM COLORS

Team	<b>Main:</b> Blue
	<b>2nd:</b> Red
	<b>3rd:</b> White
Liberos	<b>Main:</b> White
	<b>2nd:</b> Blue
	<b>3rd:</b> Red

## STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
<b>Height:</b>	78	180	204
<b>Spike:</b>	228	314	335
<b>2-hand block:</b>	225	302	315
<b>National selections:</b>	0	3	8





# NCA • Nicaragua

## PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
							Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Cruz Alvarez	Victor Ariel	Cruz	OP	27-Apr-2003	178	282	270	PANTERAS (NCA)			32	
3	Hernandez Navarro	Rafael Francisco	Hernandez	MB	16-Nov-2003	192	305	290	MANAGUA (NCA)			24	
5	Pacheco Guzman	Yesdy Adriel	Pacheco	OH	25-Oct-2003	185	300	292	REAL ESTELI (NCA)			12	
6	Castillo Jimenez	Cristhoper Arian	Castillo	S	14-Feb-2005	184	281	277	FRENTE SUR RIVAS (NCA)			18	
7	Leon Barahona	Yader Josue	Leon	OH	15-Nov-2004	178	278	266	PANTERAS (NCA)			18	
8	Gomez Mejía	Gerald Lennin	GOMEZ	MB	13-Jun-2002	180	294	282	PANTERAS MGA (NCA)				
9	Espinoza Melendez	Denis Benjamin	Espinoza	OH	18-Oct-2003	182	293	282	CARAZO (NCA)			24	
10	Blandon Casco	Josue David	Blandon	OH	01-Jul-2003	179	296	281	ZELAYA CENTRAL (NCA)			24	
12	Palacios Bermudez	Felix Jose	Palacios	MB	18-Jul-2006	186	285	278	PANTERAS (NCA)			12	
13	Garcia	Yerick Fabian	GARCIA	OP	27-Jul-2002	183	295	286	PANTERAS (NCA)				
14	Peralta Valdez	Osmar Antonio	PERALTA	L	24-Mar-2005	165	260	255	PANTERAS (NCA)			6	
17	Navas Otero	Gabriel Israel	Navas	S	05-Oct-2003	177	283	268	PANTERAS MGA (NCA)			18	

## OFFICIALS

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Jorge Luis Mena (NI) / Id: 4534
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	AXEL ENRIQUE ZAMORA MORALES (NI) / Id: 4506
<b>2nd Assistant Coach:</b>	Justo Morales (CU) / Id: 4873

## UNIFORM COLORS

Team	<b>Main:</b> BLUE
	<b>2nd:</b> WHITE
	<b>3rd:</b> NAVY
Liberos	<b>Main:</b> NAVY
	<b>2nd:</b> BLUE
	<b>3rd:</b> WHITE

## STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
<b>Height:</b>	165	181	192
<b>Spike:</b>	260	288	305
<b>2-hand block:</b>	255	277	292





# PER • Peru

### PLAYERS

Shirt no	Last name	First name	Shirt name	Pos.	Birthdate	Height [cm]	Highest reach		Club	National selections			
							Spike [cm]	Block [cm]		WC	OG	Oth.	Total
1	Vertiz Salgado	Edgar	VERTIZ	OH	07-Sep-2005	183	330	302	Junior				
2	Blanco	Sebastian	Blanco	OH	03-May-2001	180	295	300	Junior (PER)				
3	La Jara	Santiago	La Jara	MB	20-Apr-2001	190	315	310	Regatas Lima				
6 C	La Torre Uesugui	Hiroshi	La Torre	S	09-May-2001	174	275	267	Junior (PER)				
7	Gushiken Tsukida	Adrian	GUSHIKEN	S	22-Aug-2006	173	265	258	Junior				
10	Despaigne	Leonel	Despaigne	OH	24-Nov-2004	184	295	288	Peerles (PER)				
11	Bustamante	Marcelo	Bustamante	S	11-Aug-2004	189	290	288	F.P.V. (PER)				
12	Porras Balcazar	Piero Alonso	Balcazar	OH	13-Jul-2002	184	292	288	Regatas Lima (PER)				
18	Chicoma Flores	Gerardo	Chicoma	S	18-Dec-2006	185	312	290	Peerles				
19	Lujan Flores	Andrew	LUJAN	OP	25-Jan-2005	195	340	316	Junior				
21	Ñiquen León	Luis Sebastian	ÑIQUEN	MB	13-Nov-2004	190	287	273	Regatas Lima (PER)				
25	Moron Flores	Jassir Antonio	MORON	L	20-Sep-2003	172			Junior (PER)				

### OFFICIALS

<b>Head Coach:</b>	Juan Carlos Gala Rodriguez (CU) / Id: 4758
<b>Assistant Coach:</b>	Diego Francisco Recavarren Herrera (PE) / Id: 4751
<b>2nd Assistant Coach:</b>	Sidney Hernan Mandros Poblet (PE) / Id: 4750
<b>Physiotherapist:</b>	Alexander David Fernandez Ñaña (PE) / Id: 181818

### UNIFORM COLORS

Team	<b>Main:</b> Rojo
	<b>2nd:</b> Azul
	<b>3rd:</b> Blanco
Liberos	<b>Main:</b> Rojo
	<b>2nd:</b> Azul
	<b>3rd:</b> Blanco

### STATISTICS

Data	Minimum	Average	Maximum
<b>Height:</b>	172	183	195
<b>Spike:</b>	265	300	340
<b>2-hand block:</b>	258	289	316





## **Coaches are enthusiastic for the U23 Pan American Cup in Havana**

HAVANA, Cuba, July 10, 2023.- Coaches of the teams that will compete in the U23 Volleyball Pan American Cup said to be enthusiastic during the preliminary inquiries that took place at the Ciudad Deportiva Coliseum.

Teams from NORCECA - Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Cuba and Mexico - have the motivation of battling for two tickets for the II Junior Pan American Games 2025, but Chile and Peru also have their goals and dreams set.

**Dante Mañón, Coach of Dominican Republic:** "We are bringing the best of our team that was here for the U21 Pan American Cup and four U23 players, and there is no other goal but winning a ticket to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games".

"The team is suffering the loss of our team captain Bryan Turbides because of an injury, and he won't be able to play, he's here with the team, but we will fight everyone for the berth. I admit that Cuba is always our main opponent".

**Jorge Luis Mena, Coach of Nicaragua:** "We always come to compete, not just to participate. We will compete with the team that came to the U21 Pan Am Cup with three under 23. This event helps us for next month's

U23 Central American Championship, and we want to have our team well prepared.

We will look for the highest position, but we want to see Peru and Chile perform, and analyze if we might win to them because we are here to battle”.

**Iván Villarreal, Coach of Chile:** “Despite being already qualified to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games, we have several goals. We are bringing 12 players, 10 are U19 because we are preparing for the age-group World Championship in Argentina that starts on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This tournament helps us a lot, it helps our game level.

Our other goal is to keep on our main goal with our junior teams in Chile, to give our athletes as much competition we can for them to be part of our senior team”.

**Jesús Cruz, Coach of Cuba:** “Our main goal is to play in the finals and qualify to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. The base of this group is the one who won the U19 Pan American Cup last month, it only has two under 23 players, the setter and team captain Adrián Chirino, and our libero Yumichael Anthpny Lawrence».

We have little competition, and we had the opportunity to have two events. As a coach it’s always good to evaluate your job, with these age-groups we only have two players competing overseas, Alejandro Miguel González and Ángel Suárez, and the rest train here for long periods of time, the competition means the summit to see if they develop as a player, as well as other important details”.

**Juan Carlos Gala, Coach of Peru:** “This is a young group, including players who are 17 years old and three are under 23, we are thinking of the future, and we want them to compete with other teams, for them to

see other systems and level of play, and it's not less true that Norceca has a greater level than South America.

"We're here to participate and to compete, it's not only training, to learn another level of play, for them to meet other players, this is a combination of the best we have, expand our universe and for them to compete with other teams, as our closest competition are the Bolivarian games next year".

### **Entusiasmo de entrenadores en Copa Panamericana Sub-23 en La Habana**

LA HABANA, Cuba, 10 de julio de 2023.- Mucho entusiasmo mostraron los entrenadores de equipos que animarán la V Copa Panamericana Sub-23 de Voleibol durante las reuniones preliminares celebradas en la propia sede en el Coliseo de la Ciudad Deportiva.

Los equipos del área Norceca -República Dominicana, Nicaragua, Cuba y México- con el doble incentivo que se disputarán por de boletos para los II Juegos Panamericanos Júnior 2025, pero también los de Chile y Perú tienen bien definidos objetivos y sueños.

#### **Dante Mañón, Entrenador de República Dominicana:**

"Venimos con lo mejor del equipo que estuvo aquí en la Copa Panamericana Sub-21 y cuatro del sub 23, y no tenemos otro objetivo que conseguir el boleto a los Juegos Panamericanos Júnior de 2025".

"Nos golpea un poco la ausencia del capitán Bryan Turbides por un esguince y no podrá jugar, aunque acompaña al equipo, pero vamos a luchar contra todos por el cupo. Reconozco que Cuba siempre es nuestro principal oponente".

**Jorge Luis Mena, Entrenador de Nicaragua:** "Cuando venimos siempre lo hacemos para competir, no solo a

participar. Ahora lo haremos con el equipo que asistió a la Copa sub-21 con tres menores de 23. Este evento nos ayuda para el Centroamericano Sub-23 del próximo mes y queremos tener al equipo bien fogueado.

En la competencia buscaremos el lugar más alto, aunque queremos ver jugar a Perú y Chile, y analizar si podemos ganarles a ellos porque venimos a dar pele”.

**Iván Villarreal, Entrenador de Chile:** “Aunque clasificamos a los Juegos Panamericanos Júnior 2025 tenemos varios objetivos. Aquí tenemos de los 12 jugadores, 10 del grupo de sub-19 porque nos estamos preparando rumbo al Campeonato Mundial de esa categoría con sede en Argentina a partir del dos de agosto. Este torneo nos ayuda muchísimo, nos da nivel a la preparación.

El otro objetivo es mantener la meta principal de las categorías de base de Chile, que es darle un volumen de competencia a nuestros atletas para que puedan acceder a la selección absoluta”.

**Jesús Cruz, Entrenador de Cuba:** “El principal objetivo es discutir la final y de hecho clasificar a los Panamericanos Júnior de 2025. El grupo es una base del equipo que ganó la Copa Panamericana Sub-19 el mes pasado, solo cuenta con dos sub 23, el pasador y capitán Adrián Chirino, y el libero Yumichael Anthpny Lawrence».

Competimos poco y se nos dio la oportunidad de tener dos eventos. Como entrenador siempre es bueno para uno evaluar su trabajo, aquí en estas edades solo tenemos dos que juegan en ligas foráneas, Alejandro Miguel González y Ángel Suárez, y el resto entrena aquí con períodos largos, la competencia significa su momento cumbre para ver si hay un desarrollo en su crecimiento como jugador, así como otros detalles importantes”.

**Juan Carlos Gala, Entrenador de Perú:** "Este es un equipo bien joven, con atletas incluso de 17 años y solo tres sub-23, pues lo conformamos para el futuro y que compitan con otros equipos, que vean otro juego y nivel, y no es menos cierto que Norceca tiene mucho más nivel que esta la sudamericana.

"La cuestión es participar y competir, no solo es entrenar, que aprendan otro nivel, conozcan otros jugadores, esto es la mezcla de lo mejor que tenemos, ampliar nuestro universo y que compitan con otros equipos, pero como evento el más cercano son los juegos bolivarianos del próximo año."